

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 31.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, March 27, 1862.

I.. The following Act of Congress is published for the information of all concerned :

AN ACT to secure to the officers and men actually employed in the Western Department, or Department of Missouri, their pay, bounty, and pension.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized and required to allow and pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who have been heretofore actually employed in the military service of the United States, whether mustered into actual service or not, where their services were accepted and actually employed by the generals who have been in command of the Department of the West, or the Department of the Missouri, the pay and bounty as in cases of regular enlistment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates so employed, who may have been wounded or incapacitated for service, shall be entitled to and receive the pension allowed for such disability: *Provided*, That the length and character of their enlistment and service be such as to entitle them, under existing laws, to such pension.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the heirs of those killed in battle, or of those who may have died from wounds received while so in service, shall be entitled to receive the bounty and pay to which they would have been entitled had they been regularly mustered into service: *Provided*, That the bounty and pay referred to in this act shall not be payable unless their term of enlistment and service be of such duration as to entitle them to receive the same, according to existing laws.

Approved March 25, 1862.

II..First Lieutenant *John Adair*, 1st Cavalry, is dismissed as a deserter, by direction of the President of the United States, to take effect December 29, 1861.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*